

## Commercial Advertiser

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Milk is the most successful remedy for the blating of calves.—Bulletin.

Is this meant as an opinion or a plea?

The Washington Star's editorial seems to have dropped into the cave of the Adulterates with the death dealing effect of a landslide.

It's safe to presume that when the sulphur fumes will not permit investigation beneath a wharf there are no rats there waiting to be found.

The lad who stuffed a dummy to alarm the police may have wished he had saved some of the stuffing and put where it would do him more good.

The white man seems to have objection to working at any other than skilled labor in the Tropics, even if given a trade rate for common services.

The small child is enjoying the pleasure of anticipation by show window inspection, but many a little one balks at a fur-clad Santa Claus who can't get in because there's no chimney.

Major Low's offer of the position of Chief of the New York police to Adjutant-General Corbin must have been inspired by General Miles' friends, for they have a smile either way.

The Chicago Record-Herald is one of the well-informed newspapers which, despite the efforts of the carpet-bag literary bureau, is not deceived about Hawaiian affairs. In the course of a strong article on "The Fight Against Governor Dole," it says:

A grave charge which has been made lately is that he is not an American. This seems to imply that no one is an American who is not a recent immigrant, and that all our newly acquired territory should be administered as an eleemosynary institution for the benefit of claimants who find that the are not offices enough to go around in this country. But Mr. Dole is a much finer type of the American than these gentry. And though he was taken in by annexation and did not go out to annex everything in sight, he was the son of American parents, was educated at Williams College, studied law and was admitted to the bar in Boston. Upon the whole, his Americanism is a very good risk.

Gov. Dole can afford to smile at the impotent clamor of his enemies when every American with a memory knows that what the Chicago Record-Herald says of him is the truth.

## LEGISLATION IN CAMERA.

Home Rule Idiosyncrasy is approaching the limit, when members of the executive committee of that body propose, as soberly as they can, to pass upon all bills which failed during the last session, and then pledge their party nominees to rush through measures so prepared, without alteration, in the event of another Home Rule majority. In such a method of procedure there lies a danger which will not fail of appreciation by the thinking people of the Territory, and with contemplation of the proposed plikiia will increase.

In a word, the proposal of the Home Rulers is that the executive committee of that party shall take up and consider the various laws, which it was intended to pass at the last session, amend them if necessary, and then drag them to the floor as members of the next Legislature into a promise to pass the measures. This would mean, judging from past meetings of the executive committee that twenty men would have the passing of such important measures as may come up, loan bills, license measures, appropriation laws, all in executive session, without the aid of a vigilant and watchful minority. Couple with a series of bills so prepared a membership in the Legislature such as characterized the present one and the friends of orderly government will shudder for the future.

What item, what story would escape enactment by such a combination. To run over a few possibilities: The very first thing to be taken up would be a city and county government measure. Such a measure would be loaded down with initiative and referendum, with cumulative voting, with bonding privileges and labor conditions until its general provisions are unintelligible. It would be such a bill that would make men living in the Territory and owning property want to sell out and live aloft outside the three-mile limit. When it came out of the executive committee, there would be nothing wanting in the way of special privileges to boat boys, hack drivers and fishermen, and the only chance that there might be an amendment offered to it would be that some Populistic, social democraticism had been left out by mistake.

Another point which would not be overlooked would be a general labor law, undoubtedly on the lines of the Australian legislation, which has caused so much trouble this year. There are among the English speaking members of the executive committee many who are studying those same Australian laws and have expressed great faith in their efficacy. Yet no one who visits Australia or New Zealand but returns with the opinion that it is a labor-ridden country.

Taxation is a question which would offer a field than which none is more fertile for the half-baked political economist. From the single tax theories of George down to the female dog exemption the gamut would be run. The people might expect a tax on wells, since water is the source of wealth here, another on vehicles based on the width of tires and an export tax on any products which could not be consumed at home. Given a group of fanatics, ignorant honest men and politicians, and the resultant taxation measure prepared in camera might well frighten away any possible intending investor or citizen.

It is not necessary to argue from the past record of the party what might be expected in the future. There is nothing beyond the limit; there can be no safe conjecture as to the border line. It is enough that the declaration of intention will arm the people to combat the possible danger.

## THE RICE QUESTION.

Honolulu, Dec. 15, 1901.

Editor Advertiser:—The reckings way in which you quote me on public and economic questions in this morning's issue of the Advertiser necessitates my making a reply. The entire quotation in criticism of my attitude on the subject of rice growing was part of a reference to methods of the American farmer in cultivating rice in Louisiana and Texas. I repeat what I stated in the article quoted form: "The year 1903 will see Texas grown rice sold in this Territory at a price that will bankrupt every local rice grower who attempts to compete with it, while the Texas man who produces it is growing rich."

This is no pipe dream but an economic fact that you can verify by noting through the bulletin of the Agricultural Department relating to the subject. Annexation has brought us all into touch with new conditions, and they should be heeded and met in a spirit of candor and justice—in full accord with the constitutional changes that have been wrought.

Until such a spirit becomes manifest—until such time as each accords to the other a measure of credit for the faith that is within him, until the people of this Territory depart from the methods of the past, until then, I say, we will be groping in the dark, regarding both our opportunities and dangers, as these today interested in the rice business are doing. Hoping that in future you will criticize me with a more just impulse, I remain, For equal rights, JOHN EMMELUTH.

Mr. Emmeluth was quoted with fidelity. We did not, in yesterday's issue, draw, or pretend to draw, from his whole article, nor did we say anything about the Texas growers who, Mr. Emmeluth contends, will undersell our own rice producers in this market unless white men here, adopting Texas methods, shall put our rice industry on a modern basis. But the subject may as well be considered now.

Mr. Emmeluth suggested a white man on a gang-plow driving three horses and furrowing up a great deal more rice land than the Chinaman can do with his water buffalo and ordinary plow. The natural reply of this paper was that a gang plow and horses in the case of an Oahu swamp would be about as badly off as a circus in a quicksand, and to that conclusion we adhere.

Horses and gang plows are of small use in the deep mire of a flooded rice field; and the common plow and water buffalo manage to cover the available rice land on the islands in a way to do all the necessary work and to achieve a greater number of crops per annum than is possible in Texas. To introduce Texas methods here would not increase the yield per acre; and it is hardly possible, considering the demand upon bog land for taro, to increase the acreage. In Texas water is pumped from the rivers to land at an elevation, which has been plowed while dry. Here arable soil at the same elevation is needed for sugar or for grazing purposes and cannot be spared for rice. So to sum up, the white man idea merely means to substitute him for the Chinaman in the bog, with no prospects of his getting larger crops or more of them than the Oriental, and leaving him with less money in the end, owing to his larger drafts for living expenses. Had we a Texas acreage there might be something in Mr. Emmeluth's plea; but even then the white man would look on just as Mr. Emmeluth himself did when he was ranching, putting up the expenses and letting Japs or Chinese do the work.

Quite likely we shall have to import some rice; but that need not destroy the local industry. The Advertiser has doubts as to the ability of a Texas man to raise his crop on land flooded by means of force pumps, to clean and sack the rice, to pay drayage and Southern Pacific freight rates to the ocean shipping point, then sea freights to Hawaii, and then to sell his merchandise through middlemen, at a price lower than that at which rice can be produced and sold by the Chinaman.

VARITIES OF AMERICANISM. We of Hawaii have heard a great deal about "American" systems of government, "American" suffrage, and the like, but America, nevertheless, has its varieties of both. To the best of our recollection Alabama is an American State, yet its new constitution is as far from that of Ohio or New York as the equator is from the poles. Here, for instance, are some of its more important provisions:

1. Disfranchisement for crime or for failure to pay a voluntary poll tax of \$1.50 a year eight months before the election. This applies to whites and blacks alike.

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What we want to underscore with these extracts is the fact that, in details of political procedure, local government and so forth the States and Territories are not held in all respects to rigid rules. State constitutions differ widely regarding the suffrage; the laws of Territories are at variance so as to meet local conditions; the will of the people is expressed in different ways, sometimes by town meetings, again through primaries and conventions; here in counties and there, as in Louisiana, in parishes. On the mainland no one objects to these differences in form. The rule seems to be "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

But here in Hawaii, when any ancient custom in government, in court procedure, in political methods or even in social organization presents itself, up goes the cry, "Un-American, un-American." The man from Massachusetts, who does not find what he left behind, administratively speaking, thinks he is in a land that considers itself foreign. If some resident ventures to say that we ought to have an organic law like that of Alabama, all the Americanism in him winces. Yet Alabama is as legally an American State as his own. He would not object if he had moved to California to the peculiar water and forest laws; and if he did not like the Sunday laws he would never say that California had expropriated itself. The idea which confounds a local custom with a want of national feeling is for Hawaii alone. New Orleans and Louisiana may be as different as they please from Boston and Massachusetts and not be called alien; Montpelier and Vermont may have but few points of moral or commercial or even political contact with San Francisco and California and Kansas and Florida may be different from both, and yet their title to Americanism is not challenged. Only in Hawaii are the settled ways of the white citizens deemed as un-American.

All Hawaii wants is the same latitude in small things and no more that other subdivisions of the Union have. The land has as much right as California to keep its special view point. In holding to that, so long as the old monarchical ideas are dropped, no one can justly say that an alien sentiment prevails.

It has been suggested that olives might grow well in Hawaii. If so our local food resources would be increased by a fruit of the most agreeable and healthful sort. Not much could be expected of the olive as an article of export, as California commands our natural market, but for home provender no fruit could excel it. Before going into the culture of the olive on a large scale, however, it should be remembered that the tree grows best in parts of California where there is not rain and where there is a considerable number of miles between it and the sea. Some localities on Hawaii ought to be fairly suitable.

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